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Road Inspectors

* 597 *Q.*—SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Road Inspectors (Highways) who were provincialized by the Government were receiving their pay directly from the treasury;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed orders directing them to be classified as " Work-charged " ;

(*c*) whether consequent on the said order, notices have been issued to a large number of Road Inspectors retrenching them;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received from the Road Inspectors about the matter referred to in clauses (*b*) and (*c*); and

(*e*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No, Sir. The pay of provincialized Road Inspectors were being drawn from the treasury by departmental officers on Establishment Pay Bills.

(*b*) Yes Sir, for accounting purposes.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) Yes, Sir.

(*e*) The Government are awaiting the report called for from the Chief Engineer (Highways).

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Are these Road Inspectors receiving their pay only under ' Work-charged ' even now? If so, will the Government take steps to see that they receive their pay directly from the Treasury as before?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : On receipt of a report from the Chief Engineer (Highways), the matter will be further considered.

Government Press in districts

* 598 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the details of the proposals under consideration of the Government for the establishment of Branch Presses at the headquarters of some districts?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There are no such proposals under the consideration of Government at present.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : இப்பொழுது ஆட்சி மொழி தமிழே என்று அரசாங்கம் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு இருப்பதால், ஒவ்வொரு இலாக்காக்களுக்கும் இந்த அச்சு இயந்திரம் அதிகத் தேவையாக இருக்கும். ஆகையினால், சில குறிப்பிட்ட இடங்களிலாவது தமிழ் அச்சு நிலயங்களை நிறுவப் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : இலாக்காக்களுக்கு வேண்டிய தமிழ் அச்சு அத்தனையும் இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் ஏற்பாட்டின்படியே செய்து கொடுக்கப் போதுமானது.

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MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister's reply is that there are no such proposals.

The hon. Member must put a separate question if he wants to get any other information.

Panchayat for Nariyambattu village

* 599 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the panchayat board has not been formed in Nariyambattu village, Gudiyatham taluk, North Arcot, in spite of the fact that the application has been pending for the last three years; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government for the constitution of the panchayat?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) A notification constituting a panchayat for the Nariyambattu village was issued by the Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, North Arcot. Elections to the panchayat fixed for 30th August 1958 proved infructuous as no nomination was received, and the date of constitution of the panchayat has been postponed up to 30th October 1958.

Removal of bamboo in Salem South Division

* 600 *Q*.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the reason for not removing the bamboo from the thirteen bamboo coupes auctioned as usual in March 1958, in the Salem (South) Division?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Bamboo coupes of Salem (South) Division were auctioned by the District Forest Officer on 27th March 1958. But the confirmation of the sale took time as a represestation was made to the Government by a party questioning the validity of the auction sale. After careful examination, orders were issued confirming the sale in the name of the highest bidder in respect of five out of nine coupes for which satisfactory prices were obtained and the coupes are now under working. The prices got for the balance of four coupes were not satisfactory and steps have been taken by the District Forest Officer to conduct a resale.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : இந்த மூங்கில் வெட்டு நடைபெருமல், நின்றுவிட்ட காரணத்தால், கூடை போன்ற சிறு தொழில் செய்தவர்கள் வாழ்க்கை பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பது அரசாங்கத்துக்குத் தெரியுமா ? இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் நிலைமை என்ன என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நின்று போய்விடவில்லை. ஐந்து கூப்புகள் ஆக்ஷன் ஆகிவிட்டது என்று சொன்னேன். பாக்கி நாலு கூப்புகள் அதிக விலை கிடைக்காததால், மறு ஆக்ஷன் போடவேண்டியிருந்தது. தவிர்க்கக்கூடிய தாமதம் எதுவும் இல்லை.